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Kleindienst Vote Set Thursday

The long battle over the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst as Attorney General moved toward a close yesterday, as the Senate agreed to take the final votes at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) obtained unanimous consent to take two back-to-back roll-call votes. The first will be on a move to recommit the nomination to the Judiciary Committee for further study of Kleindienst's role in settling the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. merger case.

If that fails, as is expected, the Senate will immediately move on to an up-or-down vote on the nomination itself. Confirmation is anticipated by a safe margin.